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IN 78286 OSA 1-20

TO INFO 25X1A2g CITE

SECRET 050417Z CITE [redacted] 5212

25X1A2g [redacted] INFO [redacted] 25X1A2g

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REF A [redacted] 9131 (NOT SENT [redacted]

25X1A2g B [redacted] 6383 (NOT SENT

25X1A9a [redacted]

SHORTLY BEFORE I CAME OVER ON THIS TOUR, I RECOMMENDED

25X1A9a

TO [redacted] THAT WE REINSTITUTE TOUCH AND GO

LANDINGS. HE DIDN'T GIVE A YES OR NO ON IT AND I

BELIEVE THE LAST TIME I TALKED WITH YOU, YOU TOLD ME

HE HAD NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON REF A WHICH I SENT

PREVIOUSLY ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

VERY RECENTLY THE NEED TO INCORPORATE TOUCH AND GO'S

IN THE FLYING TRAINING PROGRAM HAS AGAIN BECOME

25X1A2g APPARENT. [redacted] HAD ONE LOCAL LOW TRAINING FLIGHT

25X1A2g AT [redacted] AND ALTHOUGH I WASN'T THERE TO SEE HIS

LANDING, I GOT THE WORD FROM [redacted] THAT IT WAS 25X1A9a

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25X1A2g

PRETTY HAIRY. IT WAS ACTUALLY TWO LANDINGS SINCE HE TOOK IT AROUND FROM THE FIRST ONE AFTER PRACTICALLY LOSING COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE ARTICLE AFTER TOUCHDOWN. HIS SECOND ONE WAS NOT MUCH BETTER, ALTHOUGH HE GOT IT DOWN WITHOUT BENDING ANYTHING. ON HIS ONLY FLIGHT SINCE

25X1A2g HE RETURNED TO [redacted] HIS TAKEOFF WAS SLOPPY TO SAY THE LEAST. THE LANDING WAS SMOOTH ALTHOUGH IT WAS A "WHEEL" LANDING WHICH CAN EASILY GET YOU IN TROUBLE. WE HAVE JUST ABOUT EXHAUSTED OURSELVES IN EXPLAINING TAKEOFF AND LANDING TECHNIQUES AND I BELIEVE THE ONLY THING THAT WILL IMPROVE PROFICIENCY NOW IS PRACTICE. TOUCH AND GO'S ARE MADE BY

25X1A2g THE TRAINEES AT [redacted] IN THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE SAME PROCEDURES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN

25X1A6a USED BY THE [redacted] UNIT. [redacted] AND I 25X1A9a HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AND WE ARE ALL OF THE OPINION THAT IT WILL IMMEASURABLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROFICIENCY OF NOT ONLY THE LOW TIME PILOTS LIKE [redacted] (APPROX 25X1A2g 9# HOURS) BUT TO THE OTHERS AS WELL.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ONLY REASON TOUCH AND GO'S WERE DISCONTINUED WAS BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT ON A NIGHT TOUCH AND GO WHICH OCCURED 19 MARCH 1961. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACCIDENT BOARD WAS TO DISCONTINUE NIGHT TOUCH AND GO'S AND I CONCUR WITH THAT.

25X1A9a [redacted] HAS NO OBJECTIONS AND SAYS HIS BOSS WOULD NOT EITHER. I URGE YOU TO TRY TO GET [redacted] TO GO ALONG WITH 25X1A9a THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR I SINCERELY BELIEVE THIS MAY VERY WELL PREVENT AN ACCIDENT.

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